

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-8, 11, 13, 17, 24-25, 28, 30, 32-34, 36-41, 43, 46-48 and 56-57 have been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration, removal of the rejections, and allowance of all of the pending claims (including the previously withdrawn claims).

The amendments are supported, for example, but not limited to, at one or more portions of page 6, line 15-page 34, line 3, one or more portions of FIGS. 1-7, and/or one or more portions of the original filed claims.

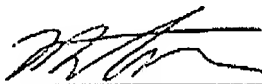
If the Examiner believes after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby requests any necessary extension of time.

If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-1402.

Respectfully submitted,

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